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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN MANILA

SUMMARY: VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ARRIVED MANILA AS SCHEDULED JULY 9 AND PROMPTLY REITERATED CONDITIONS ("FOUR PRINCIPLES") FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH SEASIAN NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING NON-USE OF TERRITORY BY FOREIGN POWER AS "BASE" FOR "DIRECT" OR INDIRECT AGGRESSION." PHAN HIEN REMARKS AS REPORTED LOCALLY SOUND FORTHCOMING BUT ESENTIAL TOUGHNESS OF HANOI'S POSITION REMAINS VISIBLE. DELEGATION WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS JULY 12 AND HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH PHILIPPINE "PANEL" HEADED BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDERSECRETARY INGLES. FOLLOWING BASED LARGELY ON PRESS. FURTHER REPORTING TO FOLLOW.

END SUMMARY

1. VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ARRIVED MANILA ON SCHEDULE AFTERNOON

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OF JULY 9. DELEGATION WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS MONDAY

(JULY 12) OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE DINNER HOSTED BY ROMULO (JULY 12) AND LUNCHESES HOSTED BY UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE (FOR HOME DEFENSE) CRISOL AND UNDERSECRETARY OF TRADE VICENTE VALDEPENAS. ACCORDING PRESS, DELEGATION WILL DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN WITH PHILIPPINE "PANEL" HEADED BY UNDER-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSE INGLES.

2. ALL MANILA PAPERS REPORT PHAN HIEN REPETITION OF "FOUR PRINCIPLES" AS BASIS FOR VIETNAMESE COOPERATION WITH REST OF SEASIA, AS FOLLOWS: (A) RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ETC., (B) "OPPOSITION TO THE USE BY ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY'S TERRITORY AS A BASE FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT AGGRESSION AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION", (C) ECONOMIC COOPERATION, CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND SETTLEMENT OF REGIONAL DISPUTES VIA NEGOTIATION; (D) DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION TO BUILD PROSPERITY "IN KEEPING WITH EACH COUNTRY'S SPECIFIC CONDITIONS. IN AIRPORT STATEMENT PHAN HIEN EMPHASIZED FAMILIAR THEME THAT VIETS AND FILIPINOS ARE OLD NEIGHBORS SEPARATED BY IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS. NOW, WITH COMPLETE VICTORY IN VIETNAM, FAVORABLE CONDITIONS CREATED FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. STATEMENT CONTINUES, "WITH THIS IN MIND WE COME TO THE PHILIPPINES WITH SERIOUS INTENT AND GOODWILL TO CONDUCT TOGETHER WITH THE FILIPINO (SIC) GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDEPENDENCE, PEACE AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

4. IN FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH PRESS AT AIRPORT, PHAN HIEN DUCKED QUESTIONS REGARDING SPATLYS AND US BASES. ACCORDING BULLETIN TODAY HE SAID VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN REHABILITATING WAR-RAVAGED COUNTRY CITING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE NOW UNEMPLOYED, MOSTLY FORMER MEMBERS OF ARVN. ACCORDING ORIENT NEWS, WHEN QUERIED ON TIMING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HE JOSHED "IF YOU DESIRE, WE CAN START HERE RIGHT NOW AT ONCE." HOWEVER ON SAME SUBJECT ROMULO SAID HE BELIEVES VIETNAMESE ARE IN NO HURRY TO ESTABLISH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANY ASEAN COUNTRY INCLUDING PHILIPPINES AND DESCRIBED MISSION AS "JUST A FRIENDLY VISIT". (TIMES JOURNAL).
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5. ASKED WHY DELEGATION NOT VISITING THAILAND, PHAN HIEN SAID VIETS HAD ALREADY BEEN TO BANGKOK AND IT IS NOW TURN OF THAIS TO VISIT HANOI. (DAILY EXPRESS). QUERIED ON ASEAN, HE SAID "VIETNAM IS WITH ASEAN IF IT STANDS FOR INDEPENDENCE, PEACE AND NEUTRALITY" AND REITERATED OPPOSITION TO PRESENCE OF FOREIGN BASES. (ORIENT NEWS)

6. TWO MANILA DAILIES SPECULATE ON IMPLICATIONS OF LANGUAGE ON BASES (SEE PARA 2D ABOVE). TIMES JOURNAL SAYS THIS LANGUAGE APPARENTLY AIMED AT US BASES, NOTES RECENT HANOI DENUNCIATIONS OF US-PHIL BASE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT CONCLUDES THAT DISPATCH OF DELEGATION INDICATES NEW GOVERNMENT IN VIETNAM "AT LEAST BELIEVES IN THE SINCERITY OF THE PHILIPPINES TO STEER ITS FOREIGN POLICY ON A NON-ALIGNED COURSE." DAILY EXPRESS SAYS WORDING OF VIETNAMESE PRINCIPLE INDICATES "A LOOPHOLE WHICH COULD BE USED TO GET AROUND PRESENCE OF US FORCES.... THE WORDING IMPLIES THAT THE VIETNAMESE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ASSURANCES THAT BASES WOULD NOT BE USED FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM."

COMMENT: JUDGING FROM PRESS, TONE OF PHAN HIEN'S PUBLIC COMMENT THUS FAR HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING, ALTHOUGH ESSENTIAL ASPECTS OF TOUGH HANOI POSITION STILL VISIBLE. JULY 10 PRESS COVERAGE HEAVY BUT PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON CONTINUES TO DOMINATE FRONT PAGES. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE MEDIA COMMENTARY THUS FAR ASIDE FROM ONE PALLID EDITORIAL AND BIZARRE OBSERVATION FROM COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA, WHO WROTE: "FOR MANY FILIPINOS WHO WORKED IN OPERATION BROTHERHOOD AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS IN VEITNAM, THIS SHOULD BE A VINDICATION AND A REUNION WITH OLD FRIENDS. WE JOINED THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE VIETNAM WAR BUT WE DID NOT FIGHT IN VIETNAM--WE WENT THERE TO HELP THE VIETNAMES, NORTH VIETNAMESE OR SOUTH VIETNAMESE." WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BEFRIEND THE REUNITED VIETNAM." EMBASSY WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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